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1. IN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH BULGARIAN AND CZECH REPS ON COMMITTEE OF 24, MISOFF INFORMED THEM THAT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS EMBASSIES WOULD RAISE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE WITH FOREIGN MINISTRIES.

2. BULGARIAN (GARVALOV) AND CZECH (SUJA) THEN ASKED MISOFF TO ELABORATE USUN'S VIEWS ON CURRENT HANDLING OF ISSUE BY COMMITTEE. MISOFF REPLIED THAT EVEN GRANTED BASIC BULGARIAN AND CZECH POSITIONS FAVORING COMMITTEE EXAMINATION OF HOW TO APPLY UN RESOLUTION 1514 TO PUERTO RICO, WE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY AT THIS TIME, IN VIEW OF IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH US BULGARIA AND CZECH REPS FELT NECESSARY TO GO BEYOND SIMPLE REITERATION OF THEIR 1972 VIEWS THAT WORKING GROUP OF COMMITTEE MAKE NECESSARY STUDY. IN PARTICULAR, MISOFF TOOK EXCEPTION TO BULGARIAN STATEMENT IN AUG. 14 WORKING GROUP MEETING THAT COMMITTEE HEAR PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE LEADERS EVEN BEFORE REACHING DECISION ON PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING OF ISSUE. MISOFF EXPRESSED

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"PERSONAL OPINION" THAT OVERACTIVE CHAMPIONING BY BULGARIANS

AND CZECHS OF CUBA'S RIDICULOUS AND TOTALLY UNREALISTIC PROPOSALS ON PR MIGHT WELL CAUSE CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT AMONG INFLUENTIAL SECTOR OF PUBLIC IN BOTH US AND PUERTO RICO AND THUS AFFECT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

3. GARVALOV AND SUJA BOTH ATTEMPTED TO GIVE IMPRESSION THEY NOT EAGER TO PUSH PR ISSUE, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF MISOFF'S FRANK EXPOSITION AND SAID THEY WOULD MAKE THESE VIEWS KNOWN TO THEIR PERM REPS.

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